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CAPTAIN NIKITIN (1943)

From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

No: 1271

12 June 43

To [Name No. 18]. [1]

In reply to Series B No. 308. [a]

On 9th June the first minesweeper carried out sea trials.

[35 groups unrecovered]

Our attempts to get it installed were unsuccessful. The ASDIC and the range-finder have not been installed.

[54 groups unrecovered]

The trials will be carried out by the Americans, after which [4 groups unrecovered] fully manned submarine chasers to MIAMI, FLORIDA. There is a special school there

[53 groups unrecovered]

vessels

[15 groups unrecoverable]

the submarine chasers are proceeding to the rendezvous at SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, for joint training in [8 groups unrecovered]. Control of our personnel [4 groups unrecovered] Captain (2nd Rank) NIKITIN [11].

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MINAKOV [iii]

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Note: [a] Internal Serial Number of MOSCOM's External No. 991 of 6th June 1943 which asks that take-over of submarine chasers should be reported at once - not published.

Comments: [i] Name No. 18 : Unidentified.

[ii] NIKITIN : It is not clear if this is the NIKITIN involved in the "SALLY" case.

[iii] MINAKOV : Vladimir I. MINAKOV, Chief of Marine Department of Naval, Marine and Transportation Division, SCPO in WASHINGTON.

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